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## Arizona Department of Agriculture Industrial Hemp Advisory Council August 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order.

Dwayne Alford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08AM

### Roll Call.

Brian McGrew call roll of members. Member attendance: Dwayne Alford, present telephonically; Paco Ollerton. present telephonically; Miguel Crisantes, absent; Sully Sullivan, present telephonically; Rachael Sedgwick, present telephonically. A quorum was indicated to the Chair.

### Approval of August 14, 2020 Minutes.

Mr. Alford tabled this agenda item for a future meeting.

### FY21 Industrial Hemp Program Proposed Budget Amendment.

Mr. McGrew provided information regarding a request from the Director of the Department to request approval from the Industrial Hemp Advisory Council to make an amendment to the fiscal year 2021 budget (approved on June 17, 2020) by adding two additional full-time employees (FTE) and an approximate \$126,000 in expenditures for salary and employee related expenses from the Industrial Hemp Trust Fund to support the addition of two staff for the Arizona Department of Agricultural Laboratory (SAL) to analyze industrial hemp compliance samples. This additional expenditure would increase the annual budget by approximately 26%. For background information, the SAL provided results for 426 program compliance samples between September 2019 and July 2020, and has been running samples for DPS and other law enforcement agencies. The floor was opened for questions from the Council. The Council discussed the information provided and discussed questions that were asked, including: How is the lab currently funded?; What changes to the SAL workload would there be with the use of third party labs?; Would the SAL be able to charge on a per sample basis?; Would the addition of the extra personnel decrease sample turn-around times?; and Would it be wise to add two FTE at this time given the current market climate? Mr. McGrew did not have the complete answers to these questions since they were outside of his knowledge of SAL related issues. Ms. Sedgwick motioned to approve the budget amendment. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mr. Alford took a roll call vote. The voting is as follows: Racheal Sedgwick, yes; Sully Sullivan, yes; Mr. Ollerton, no; Mr. Alford, no; Mr. Crisantes, absent. The motion did not carry. The Council was in the opinion they needed more information before approving any additional expenditure to the industrial hemp program budget. Mr. Alford directed the Council members to submit their questions to Mr. McGrew to be compiled and delivered to the Director of the Department and the Associate Director of the SAL. The Council would then reconvene when convenient to the Director and Associate Director to discuss the Council's questions.

Call to the Public.

No speaker cards were received, so not call to the public occurred.

Executive Session.

To obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3) on any matter on the agenda.

Next Meeting.

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